

THE "NET"

Safety is the Name of the Game

As the weather starts getting warmer, more and more people will be out and about. With that in mind keep some things in mind for your personal safety. When arriving at work remember to park your vehicle in a well lit area. Be observant of your surroundings. Make a mental note of anything or anyone that looks suspicious as you go to or leave from work. Keep a cell phone with you if possible and call the police department if anything seems unusual. Trust your judgment. If something doesn't seem right more than likely it isn't. Don't be afraid to call the police. If you work evening hours or have to be at work late, lock all your doors and don't let anyone inside unless you know exactly who they are. There are three things people must have to commit crimes: First, one must have the desire and secondly, ability to do so. Those things cannot be controlled. If someone wants to commit a crime, chances are they are going to try. However, the third thing a person must have to commit a crime is the opportunity. If you can eliminate the opportunity, you could avoid the crime. Taking a few precautionary steps can ensure you don't become the victim of a crime.



Professional Building Burglary Numbers High

Statistics show from December 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005 the Lincoln Police Department investigated 157 separate incidents of burglary to businesses inside of professional buildings. The most common method of entry was using some type of pry bar to gain access. Losses sustained from these burglaries totaled \$74,121.00 or an average of \$472.10 per incident. In several of the incidents, cash was taken. Computers and electronic equipment were taken during other instances. During investigations, officers are finding large amounts of cash that are being left inside businesses overnight. Profes-



sional buildings seem to be a target for burglars due to the number of opportunities obtained by breaking into one structure. Once inside, burglars are out of sight from street officers and able to continue their thieving by breaking into each independent office area within the building. Keep in mind, if money is needed for day-to-day business, leave only as much as is needed to conduct usual business and deposit any other cash on a daily basis. Keep high dollar items out of sight and if possible lock them in a room inside of the office space. Simply put, a person cannot steal what they cannot see.

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Lincoln Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
575 S. 10th Street

Return Service Requested

Statistics between
1-1-04 thru 12-31-04

Robbery

Northwest - 21/7
Northeast - 30/14
Center - 48/17
Southwest - 21/7
Southeast - 1/1

Burglary

Northwest - 110/14
Northeast - 113/6
Center - 103/14
Southwest - 84/8
Southeast - 128/15

Forgery

Northwest - 381/241
Northeast - 385/275
Center - 133/75
Southwest - 226/133
Southeast - 388/233

Shoplifting

Northwest - 352/269
Northeast - 455/354
Center - 118/61
Southwest - 305/236
Southeast - 293/242

CRIME TRENDS

Between 12-1-04 thru 2-28-05

The first number will be the number of reported incidents. The second number is how many incidents have been cleared with an arrest.

